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D.O. letter No. F. 40/1937 dated 23.7.1937 from the Secretary to the Resident asking for a note on the "Mass Awakeners' union", Bangalore.

For perusal

Sd. B. T. K.
26.7.37

First Member

Sd. S. P. R.
27.7.37

Kind reference is invited to the copy of the D. G. P's letter dated 3.7.1937 (flagged O) in which he has furnished particulars regarding the "Mass Awakeners' Union" and other allied organizations. A brief note prepared on the basis of the information contained in the letter as also a copy of the draft Constitution of the Union read from the Dist Magistrate on 22.6.1937, may perhaps be sent to the Residency.

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Submitted with two drafts for consideration.

For perusal.

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(2nd Member)

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CHIEF SECRETARY
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GOVT. OF MYSORE.

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Copy of D. O. letter dated 3rd July 1937 received from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

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With reference to your D. O. letter No.7233/Pol.dated 29-6-37 regarding the particulars of the Mass Awakeners' Union, its organisers and their antecedents together with a report regarding the promulgation of the order of the City Magistrate, Bangalore, I write to state that on 9-5-37 a public meeting was arranged at the instance of Mr.Rama Murthi (of Bramha Samaj) and his followers to condemn marriage of persons of advanced age. Mr. N.Balakrishniah M.L.C. presided over the deliberations. The meeting was attended by more than 500 persons. The marginally noted persons also delivered speeches and passed resolutions to prevent men of 50 years and above marrying women of less than 25 years of age, to permit widow marriage, and to have the free scope by the public to make speeches on social reforms.

1. Ramamurthi (Bramha Samaj)
2. P.Subbarama Setty (President, Bangalore City Municipality)
3. Lavanga Bharathaswamy,
4. Mirza Azizulla Beig, Proprietor, The Mirza Hall, Bangalore.
5. K.Srinivasamurthi,
6. Hosahalli Veeranna Gowda,
7. Seetharama Sastri, Editor, The Veerakesari.
8. W.H.Hanumanthappa (Municipal Councillor)
9. Ramanada Congressite, Kuppam.

K.Srinivasa Murthi, a political deportee who was the organiser availed himself of this opportunity to induce the audience to agree to the formation of the Mass Awakeners' Union and moved the following resolutions:--

1. The Sangha will be named "Janajagratha Sangha"
2. The object of this Sngha will be to bring about some social reforms.
3. Only sincere workers are eligible to become members of the sanga and the membership will be limited one and not more than 15 members are allowed,
4. The Sangha will be managed by an Executive Committee selected among the members,
5. The subscription will be annas eight per annum which should be paid or or before the 15th of June of every year.

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6. The Executive Committee will meet once in a fortnight and the General Body once in a quarter.

7. The Secretary of the Sangha will be employed to collect the subscriptions and donations from the members and the public.

8. All the money so collected will be deposited in the Grain Merchants' Bank, Bangalore.

9. The Secretary will operate on the deposit and may withdraw any amount within Rs. 20/- per month.

The Managing Committee was formed with Messrs. M.S.Rama Rao, C.B.Monnayya, S.V.Narayana Murthi, H.C.Sivananda Sharma, N.S.Krishnamurthi, and N.D.Shankarappa as its members and K. Srinivasamurthi as the Secretary of the Sangha.

Among the aforesaid members, N.S.Krishnamurthy, N.D. Shankarappa and K.Srinivasamurthi are the political deportees of the Bombay Presidency, C.B.Moonayya is a political convict and a native of Coorg.

A series of meetings were held and matters concerning the formation of different organisations such as Civil Liberties Union, Malleswaram Labourers Club, to protest against the increased taxes and fresh taxations by the City Municipality and to condemn the action of the Government regarding the prohibitory order issued against Dr. N.S.Hardiker from delivering speeches were discussed.

The members of the Managing Committee are people of little influence and substance. Yet they seem to be attempting to give effect to their objects by the formation of associations in the different parts of Bangalore City under different names.

The intention of the members of these associations to take a procession of workmen to the Municipal Office to protest against the levy of professional tax, the increase of rent etc. necessitated the issue of an order under Sec.45 M.P.R. by the City Magistrate, Bangalore, regulating processions and assemblies within the City limits. This order has been misconstrued by a few mischievous persons as an encroachment on the legitimate liberty of action of the law-abiding public. In furtherance

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of these erroneous ideas, articles are being published in different papers distorting the real facts.

The agitation has been set afoot by the members of the Mass Awakenars' Union in its different form as National Youth League, City Congress Committee and Malleswaram Labourers Club.

These organisations are having the active support of Messrs. K.T.Bhashyam, S.K.Venkataranga Iyengar, C.Y.Narasimhaiengar, N.Balakrishniah and S.Venkatapathia.

Apart from the above mentioned professional agitators, there does not appear to be any bonafide opposition to this order of the Magistrate or in support of the political activities these persons, Unions and Associations have been created to pursue.

The National Youth League looks like the revival of a similar league which was prohibited in 1931 from organising various volunteer corps such as Congress volunteers, Labour volunteers, Sevadal volunteers and Muslim volunteers.

The Bangalore Congress Committee held several meetings and several seditious and mischievous speeches were delivered thereat. This association trained several volunteers and sent them to Bombay during the Civil Disobedience Movement. It also foments the agitation of the labourers and finally takes a leading part in inviting foreign political agitators and encourage them to deliver stirring speeches in the State.

The Civil Liberties Association has been started with a view to safeguard and protect the civil liberties of the citizens of the Mysore State and to protest against the order under Section 45 M.P.R. issued by the City Magistrate, Bangalore; for this purpose they formed a committee to devise means to have the said order repealed.

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Secret
D.O.No.F.40/1937.

Bangalore, 23rd July 1937.

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DEWAN'S OFFICE
1937
No. 583

K. Srinivas Murthy.

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I am desired to enclose for the information of the Government of Mysore a copy of a letter dated the 25th June 1937 from K. Srinivas Murthy of the "Mass Awakeners' Union" C/o Tai Nadu, Cottonpet, Bangalore, to S.S. Zaheer, Secretary, Indian Progressive Writers Association, Allahabad. The documents noted in the margin were also enclosed (copy enclosed).

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Yours Sincerely,

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For perusal.

(Sr. Member) 26.7.37

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T. Kesavaiengar Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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THE MASS AWAKENERS' UNION.

PRESIDENT:
B.M.Seenappa
SECRETARY:
K. Sreenivasa Moorthy
TREASURER:
N.D.Shankarappa

MANAVARTHEPET
BANGALORE CITY.
Dated 22nd June 1937.

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Dear Countryman the Union appeals to your kind heart to grace the occasion and aid the formation of the said association.

Expecting your heart felt co-operation.

Yours very sincerely,

K. Srinivas Murthy
Secretary.
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THE MASS AWAKENERS' UNION, BANGALORE.

An Appeal for Democratic United Front.

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It invariably supresses our fundamental rights of citizenship-namely the usual freedom of assembly and carrying on demonstrations in public. The fact that we have to obtain license curtails the freedom of action under constitutional limits.

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If fundamental rights of citizens are to be repressed it behoves us as law-abiding citizens to constitutionally demand justice at the hands of our benign Government. Our respected Dewan also has pointed to the fact that we may approach High Court for Justice.

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The civil liberties of citizenship forms the rock bed of freedom of human society. This has to be jealously guarded by every sane responsible citizen. It is the duty or every citizen to stand up his just rights. So have we to, to-day.

Let the citizens of Bangalore remember that they are primarily citizens of Bangalore irrespective of their individual principles,

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or the party to which they belong. This least common factor of the sense of responsible citizenship must unite us all, at this moment of its utmost need.

Dear Countrymen, We appeal to you, anti our - principle or pro our principle, to join us in the one stream of consciousness of the rights of citizenship and to form one "DEMO-CRATIC UNITED FRONT" of the City and repeal this emergent provisionary enactment of Sec. 45.

We suggest to my countrymen and women that a "State Civil Liberties Association" may be formed to guard the rights of citizens within our Model State.

Yours very sincerely,

K. SRINIVASA MURTHY,
Secretary,
The Mass Awakeners' Union.

Bangalore City,
Dated 22-5-37.

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THE MASS AWAKENERS' UNION.

President:
B.M.Seenappa.
Secretary:
K.Sreenivasa Moorthy.
Treasurer:
N.D.Shankarappa.

c/o Tai Nadu,
Cottonpet,
Bangalore City,
Dated 25th June, 1937.

To

The Secretary,
A.I.P.W.A.

Dear friend,

We here are very busily engaged in forming the Civil Liberties Union. I have herewith sent some pamphlets etc. to let know our activities.

I regret very much that I was so busy that I could not acknowledge the parcel sent to me. I promise you my sincere efforts to build the A.I.P.W.A. in Karnatak.

We came to learn the arrest of comrade Zaheer recently. We apprise his bold service to the country and shall endeavour to do all that we can to build up a strong organisation to fight out such reactionarism of the governing authorities.

Yours truly,
K. Srinivasmurthy.

P.S.

As all these were ready to be posted before the arrest of comrade Zaheer you will see the address etc. in his name. Due to the very heavy work on hand the person who was entrusted to post this seems to have turned forgetful. So we have posted it today.

Shortly you will receive a pamphlet or booklet on the repressive policy of the State.

Yours truly,
K.S.M.

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IN THE COURT OF THE CITY MAGISTRATE,
BANGALORE CITY.

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No.A/36-37. Dated, 19th June, 1937.

Present:- K. Guru Dutt, Esq., B.A.,
City Magistrate, Bangalore.

NOTIFICATION.

Order under Section 45 of the Mysore Police Regulation.

The public are hereby informed that the conduct of all assemblies and processions in or near a street any where within the limits of Bangalore City shall be regulated and controlled by licenses granted by the undersigned viz. The City Magistrate Bangalore. This order will be in force for a period of six months from this date.

2. Applications for licenses as above should ordinarily be submitted three days in advance so as to allow time needful enquiries being made through the police or otherwise before the grant of license.

3. Any procession or assembly not duly covered by a license or which neglects or refuses to obey the license-conditions shall be deemed to be an unlawful assembly and shall be liable to be stopped and dispersed.

Given under the seal of the Court and typewritten by me.

Seal of the Court.
MSR.

K. GURU DUTT,
City Magistrate, Bangalore.

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MASS AWAKENERS' UNION, BANGALORE.

The following resolutions were passed by the Mass Awakeners' Union, Bangalore on 19-6-37.

1. The Mass Awakeners' Union strongly condemns the action of the Government of Mysore in encroaching the Civil Liberties of the citizens of Bangalore City by serving Sec. 45 of Mysore Police Regulation.

2. The Union resolves to agitate by all constitutional methods to effect such orders to be withdrawn.

3. The Union appeals to all public institutions within the State and outside also, to conduct protest meetings and put pressure on the Government to withdraw the order.

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4. The Union appeals to the members of the Representative Assembly and Legislative Council to bring this before the Assembly and do the needful in the matter.

Sd. K. Srinivasmurthy,
SECRETARY,
Mass Awakeners' Union.

Bangalore City
20-6-37.

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To
The Editor,

Dear Sir,

On 19-6-37, City Magistrate of Bangalore City has served Section 45 of the Mysore Police regulation which curtails the freedom of Assemblies and processions.

It is really surprising that under no event of political unrest the said section has been served on the public. It may seem to have raisen d'etre for the said section to be forcefully imposed on the peaceful citizens of the commercial centre of the State. The City has had no political event witnessed since the observance of Independence Day (Jan 26) on which sec. 36 of M.P. regulation was served to notify not to conduct public meetings.

After the observance of Independence Day when Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadya had come to inaugurate the State Congress Parliamentary Board she was served with section 39 of Mysore Police regulation. At Mysore notices were served even to the hotel proprietor and other local leaders where a Tea-party had been arranged, prohibiting them to assemble and deliver speeches. Later when Dr. Hardiker on his tour went to Chitaldurg to do propaganda for the Congress Sec. 144 I.P.C. was served on the public. These incidents again point to the nature of repressive policy adopted by the State towards any progressive activity of the people.

Recently Sec. 45 of Mysore Police regulation is served on the citizens of Bangalore City as above mentioned.

It is very much felt that the Civil Liberties of the people should be so suppressed for no strong reason of political agitation. The Mass Awakeners' Union carried on successful public meetings, nearly 8 within a month. They stood bound to social upliftment of the masses. They carried on virulent propaganda against "Old Hags" marrying innocent girls of 14 and 16. They opposed infant marriages. They carried on constitutional agitation against social evils. Further since the Municipality imposed a professional tax in addition to the burden of heavy taxes on all kinds of professionists in addition to the burden of heavy taxes existant

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the Union conducted protest meetings four in extensions and one in City. An incidently as the Municipality raised the rent of the houses at Sri Ramapuram Labour Colony from Re.1/8/- to Rs.2/8/- the Union conducted a protest meeting. The Sri Ramapuram Labour Club conducted another huge meeting condemning the attitude of the Municipality and the 'elected' municipal councillers. The labour Club decided to conduct a protest procession on Sunday the 20-6-37 through out the City demonstrating their resentment to the enhancement of rent.

The said section was served on Saturday (19-6-37) evening. This action invariably suppresses all freedom of the public. The civil liberties of the citizens are curtailed for their no offence on their part. It is very inconsistent with the ideals of Model State to pass such a general section over all the citizens. Dear, Editor, I request you to give publication to this fact and enlighten us about the civil liberties of the people. I hereby appeal to Civil Liberties Union of your place to kindly note this fact and do the needful.

Yours truly,

A CITIZEN.

Secretary,
The Mass Awakeners' Union,
Bangalore.

Dated 21st June 1937.

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30th July

Secret. Pol 175 & 1 CS 15-37-20

With reference to your Secret D. O. letter No.F.40/1937 dated the 23rd instant, I am desired to enclose a note regarding the "Mass Awakeners' Union", Bangalore City.

H. Trevelyan, Esqr., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Hon'ble The Resident in Mysore.

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NOTE ON THE "MASS AWAKERNERS' UNION",
BANGALORE CITY.

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A public meeting was convened in Bangalore City on 9th May 1937 to condemn the marriage of persons of advanced age with young girls. This opportunity was availed of by one K. Srinivasa Murthi, (about whom particulars have been furnished separately already in my D.O. letter No.424/C.B. 15-37-14 dated the 28th July 1937), to induce the audience to agree to the formation of a"Mass Awakeners' Union" the object of which was stated to be to bring about social reforms, and a managing committee was formed with the marginally noted persons as members: and K. Srinivasa Murthi as Secretary.

Messrs. M.S.Rama Rao,
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and N.D.Shankarappa,

Of the individuals referred to, N.S.Krishna Murthi, N.D. Shankarappa and K.Srinivasa Murthi appear to be political deportees of the Bombay Presidency and C.B. Monnayya a political convict and a native of Coorg. Though the members of the Managing Committee are people of little influence and substance, they seem to be making attempts to give effect to their objects by holding meetings and formation of Associations under different names. A copy of the draft constitution of the Union as seems to have been since drawn up, is also enclosed.

At the meetings held under the auspices of the Union, matters concerning the formation of organizations such as "Civil Liberties Union", "Malleswaram Labourers' Club", protests against the increase of taxes by the Bangalore City Municipality, and the issue of prohibitory order preventing N.S.Hardikar from delivering speeches, etc., were discussed.

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THE MASS AWAKENERS' UNION, BANGALORE.
DRAFT CONSTITUTION.

1. Name: The name of the Union shall be "The Mass Awakerners' Union."

2. Aims and Objects: The object of this Union is to impart progressive thoughts, to the masses, bring about a radical change in the Social Structure and evolve a free Society.

3. Membership: Any sincere worker, for Society who is a Congress Member also is entitled to membership of the Union reserving the right to refuse admission on grounds of its own.

4. The membership fee is eight annas per annum to be paid within a fortnight after the date of acceptance of the application.

5. The Managing Committee: (a) The strength of the Managing Committee shall not exceed eleven in number inclusive of an elected Secretary and at least five elected Committee members and the rest co-opted.

6. (b) The General Body elects the Committee once in a year.

(c) The quorum of the G.B. and the M.C. shall not be less than the 40% of the membership.

(d) The M.C. shall meet once in a fortnight and the G.B. once in a year.

(e) The elected committee and the Co-opt. M.C. have fully powers to dismiss any member or members, in the event of breach of Rules or when found working against the interests of the Union, for which the M.C. need offer no explanation.

(f) If 20% of the membership desire to call for a G.B. they can do so on applying to the Secretary in script giving a time of not less than 10 days for the meeting from the date of the application.

6. The Secretary and the Treasurer: (a) The Secretary shall have powers call for meetings (G.B. & M.C.) to collect the subscriptions and the funds and to act on behalf of the M.C., in times of emergency for which he has to give reasonable explanation in the immediate M.C. after the meeting.

(b) The Treasurer will maintain accounts and place before the M.C. once in a month.

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7. Dissolution: In case of dissolution of the above Union the then General Body shall meet the qurom of which shall not be less than 50% of the then membership and deside the matter issues thereof.

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3rd August 1937
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Secret. GJS/ cdS 15-37-24
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Dear Mr. Hamilton,

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Secret.

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Bangalore City,
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2. Applications for licenses as above should ordinarily be submitted three days in advance so as to allow time needful enquiries being made through the police or otherwise before the grant of license.

3. Any procession or assembly not duly covered by a license or which neglects or refuses to obey the license-conditions shall be deemed to be an unlawful assembly and shall be liable to be stopped and dispersed.

Given under the seal of the Court and typewritten by me.

Seal of the Court.
MSR.

K. GURU DUTT,
City Magistrate, Bangalore.

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MASS AWAKENERS' UNION, BANGALORE.

The following resolutions were passed by the Mass Awakeners' Union, Bangalore on 19-6-37.

1. The Mass Awakeners' Union strongly condemns the action of the Government of Mysore in encroaching the Civil Liberties of the citizens of Bangalore City by serving Sec. 45 of Mysore Police Regulation.

2. The Union resolves to agitate by all constitutional methods to effect such orders to be withdrawn.

3. The Union appeals to all public institutions within the State and outside also, to conduct protest meetings and put pressure on the Government to withdraw the order.

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4. The Union appeals to the members of the Representative Assembly and Legislative Council to bring this before the Assembly and do the needful in the matter.

(SD.) K. Srinivasamurthy,

Secretary,

Mass Awakeners' Union.

Bangalore City,
20-6-1937.

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The Editor,

Dear Sir,

On 19-6-37, City Magistrate of Bangalore City, has served Section 45 of the Mysore Police regulation which curtails the freedom of Assemblies and processions.

It is really surprising that under no event of political unrest the said section has been served on the public. It may seem to have raisen d'etre for the said section to be forcefully imposed on the peaceful citizens of the commercial centre of the State. The City has had no political event witnessed since the observance of Independence Day (Jan 26) on which sec. 36 of M.P. regulation was served to notify not to conduct public meetings.

After the observance of Independence Day when Srimathi Kamaladevi Chattopadya had come to inaugurate the State Congress Parliamentary Board she was served with section 39 of Mysore Police regulation. At Mysore notices were served even to the hotel proprietor and other local leaders where a Tea-party had been arranged, prohibiting them to assemble and deliver speeches. Later when Dr. Hardiker on his tour went to Chitaldrug to do propaganda for the Congress Sec. 144 I.P.C. was served on the public. These incidents again point to the nature of repressive policy adopted by the State towards any progressive activity of the people.

Recently Sec.45 of Mysore Police regulation is served on the citizens of Bangalore City as above mentioned.

It is very much felt that the Civil Liberties of the people should be so suppressed for no strong reason of political agitation. The Mass Awakeners' Union carried on successful public meetings, nearly 8 within a month. They stood bound to social upliftment of the masses. They carried on virulent propaganda against "Old Hags" marrying innocent girls of 14 and 16. They opposed infant marriages. They carried on constitutional agitation against social evils. Further since the Municipality imposed a professional tax in addition to the burden of heavy taxes on all kinds of professionists in addition to

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the burden of heavy taxes existant the Union conducted protest meetings four in extensions and one in City. An incidently as the Municipality raised the rent of the houses at Sri Ramapuram Labour Colony from Re.1/8/0 to Rs.2/8/0 the Union conducted a protest ~~procession~~ meeting. The Sri Ramapuram Labour Club conducted another huge meeting condemning the attitude of the Municipality and the 'elected' municipal councillers. The labour Club decided to conduct a protest procession on Sunday the 20-6-37 through out the City demonstrating their resentment to the enhancement of rent.

The said section was served on Saturday (19-6-37) evening. This action invariably suppresses all freedom of the public. The civil liberties of the citizens are curtailed for their no offence on their part. It is very inconsistent with the ideals of Model State to pass such a general section over all the citizens. Dear, Editor, I request you to give publication to this fact and enlighten us about the civil liberties of the people. I hereby appeal to Civil Liberties Union of your place to kindly note this fact and do the needful.

Yours truly,
A CITIZEN.

Secretary,
The Mass Awakeners' Union,
Bangalore.

Dated, 21st June 1937.

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